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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF :

ARTURO SANCHEZ, D.D.S. :

Administrative Action

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("the Board") upon information received that Arturo Sanchez, D.D.S. ("respondent") employed John Hung Nguyen, who is not licensed to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey, and permitted Mr. Nguyen to provide dental services which should only be provided by a licensed dentist or an appropriately registered

assistant. On October 20, 1999, respondent appeared without counsel at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, and having heard the testimony of the respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent has engaged in conduct which is in violation of the Board's statutes and regulations.

Specifically, respondent hired an unlicensed individual, John Hung Nguyen, to assist him chairside and render dental services to patients. Mr. Nguyen was a classmate of Dr. Sanchez' at New York University Dental School, however, Mr. Nguyen has not obtained a New Jersey dental license. During the term of his employment with Dr. Sanchez, Mr. Nguyen took x-rays and alginate impressions, performed prophylaxis treatment and placed composite fillings in the mouths of patients.

Additionally, respondent testified at the investigative inquiry that he allowed his dental assistants to perform duties outside their scope of practice. For example, assistants performed prophylaxis treatments on patients.

The conduct detailed above constitutes professional misconduct and gross negligence and provides the basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 © and (e) and N.J.S.A. 45:6-7(e) in that respondent permitted unlicensed persons to practice dentistry.

It now appears that respondent wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and thus, waives his right to a hearing. The Board is satisfied that it can conclude this matter at this time in a manner which adequately protects the public.

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 10th DAY OF ~~NOVEMBER~~ ^{December}, 2000

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for a period of one (1) year, three (3) months of which shall be served as an active period of suspension and the remainder as a period of probation. The active period of suspension shall begin on January 1, 2001.

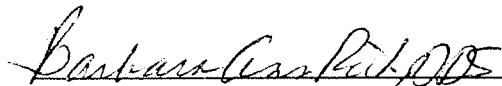
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 by January 1, 2001. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, State Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent shall cease and desist from any and all unlawful acts in connection with his provision of dental services. Specifically, respondent shall not permit unlicensed individuals to render dental services to patients which are outside the scope of their practice.

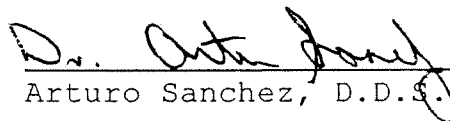
4. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with the investigation of this matter in the amount of \$3,372.95

contemporaneously with the signing of this Order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, State Board of Dentistry, at the address above.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF DENTISTRY


Barbara Rich, D.D.S., President

I have read and understand
the terms of this Consent Order
and agree to be bound by its
terms. I consent to the entry
of this Order.


Arturo Sanchez, D.D.S.